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# RESURRECTION

The Tennessean 2016 - 2017







*The Tennessean  
Yearbook*



Tennessee State  
University  
2016-2017

3500 John A. Merritt Boulevard  
Nashville, TN 37209-1561

*"Think. Work. Serve."*



## A Brief History of our HBCU...

Founded in 1912, Tennessee State University (TSU) is a comprehensive, urban, co-educational, land-grant institution. Our Nashville home offers two locations—the 500-acre main campus nestled in a beautiful residential neighborhood along the Cumberland River, and the downtown Avon Williams campus which sits near the center of Nashville's business and government district.



## Our Alma Mater

*"Think. Work. Serve."*

In the land of golden sunshine  
By the Cumberland's fertile shore.  
Stands a school for greatest service  
One that we adore.

Alma Mater, how we love thee,  
Love thy white and blue,  
May we strive to meet Thy mandates  
With faith that's true.

Many come to Thee for knowledge,  
Come from East, North, South and West.  
For they know that Thou dost offer  
Such a rich bequest.

Alma Mater, all Thy Children  
Worship at Thy shrine;  
May the God of nations bless thee  
With gifts divine.

Send forth sons both strong and valiant,  
Send forth daughters wise and true.  
Filled with hope and dauntless courage  
Motives sane and true.

Alma Mater, kindly mother  
Smile on Tennessee  
May she lift her head toward heaven  
Honor Country, God and Thee.



# A look at our **Campuses**



Main Campus

Avon Williams  
Campus



*"Think. Work. Serve."*

*Dr. Glenda Baskin Glover*

*President*



*Dr. Glenda Baskin Glover returned to her beloved alma mater to begin serving as the institution's eighth and first female president on January 2, 2013.*





# Academics

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Tennessee State University strives to provide a research-focused, innovative, diverse, and high-caliber instructional experience to our students.

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**Students make their way to class on a beautiful spring day!**



The ultimate campus tour of academic programs...

# Tennessee State University's Colleges and Schools



*College of Liberal Arts*



*College of Agriculture, Human,  
and Natural Sciences*



*College of Business*



*College of Education*





*College of Engineering*



*College of Life Sciences*



*College of Health Sciences*



*College of Public Service*



## First-semester freshmen get new ties, good advice



First-semester male freshmen packed the Forum in TSU's Campus Center for the 2nd annual "Tied to Success" program. All of the young men were given reflex blue colored ties with the name of the university in white letters at the base of the ties.



Tennessee State University is making sure its students are prepared for success – or better yet, "tied" to it.

## First-time freshmen take up residence at TSU

Tennessee State University has some new tenants: the Class of 2020.

More than 1,200 first-time freshmen received keys to their residence halls at the start of the 2016-2017 academic year, along with identification cards and passes to dining facilities, mail boxes, and classrooms. Upperclassmen began moving in the next day.

Hundreds of parents and other family members accompanied their children as volunteers – including staff, alumni and fellow students – helped the newcomers settle in their residence halls.





# TENNESSEE STATE VOTERS RALLY

**TSU students rally, march to vote  
in historical presidential election**



Tennessee State University students rocked the vote on a historic Election Day.

Students gathered Nov. 8 for a "Walk to the Polls" rally on the university's main campus before heading to the nearby Hadley Park polling station to vote in a presidential race that saw the first woman nominated for president by a major political party. Democrat Hillary Clinton, however, ended up losing to Republican Donald Trump.

"The purpose of today's rally is to really get students acclimated into the political arena, and get them engaged," said Aarian Forman, president of the Student Government Association. "We want to make sure that students understand the importance of doing their civic duty of voting; not just in the General Election but during midterm elections as well for senatorial, mayoral, gubernatorial, and every level of election. We want them to know that their vote is their voice."



OUR VOTES MATTER!

# Collegiate Police Academy



Tennessee State University and the Nashville Metro Police Department form what's believed to be the nation's first Collegiate Citizens Police Academy.

A total of 27 TSU students participated in the academy and underwent intensive background checks and an application process. The group went through five weeks of training learning the intricacies of police work and the criminal justice system.

Across the nation, citizens' groups have formed partnerships with police departments to address issues in their communities, but this is the first "partnership" of its kind between a major U.S. city police department and a cohort of college students.

The academy includes men and women and features sessions with the Mounted Police, the K-9 Unit, the Special Weapons and Tactics Unit, domestic violence, and simulations where participants portray police officers with fake weapons. Recruits also ride along with police on actual beats.



# TSU DAY AT THE CAPITOL



# TSU Day at the Capitol

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University administrators, faculty, students, and alumni converged on Tennessee's Legislative Plaza on February 1, 2017 to showcase the university's research and other innovative initiatives.

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*This Is Our Day*



*Tennessee legislative leaders got a chance to see Tennessee State University's excellence up close during the annual TSU Day at the Capitol event.*





# Jeneisha Harris is a White House All-Star



The TSU junior double major was among 73 students from across the nation named a 2016 HBCU All-Star by the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities on August 19.

The HBCU All-Stars comprise undergraduate, graduate and professional students who are being recognized for their accomplishments in academics, leadership, and civic engagement.

Harris, and her fellow All-Stars, will serve as ambassadors of the White House Initiative providing outreach and communication with fellow students about the value of education and networking resources.

"This honor means a lot to me," said Harris, a combined biology and psychology major with a 3.4 GPA from Memphis, Tennessee. "Being an HBCU All-Star also honors my university, which I intend to use to engage in and promote educational programs to benefit young people in the community especially in my hometown."

# OUR

## LIFE • SPORTS • STORY







# Sports

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Tennessee State University sponsors men's and women's teams in NCAA sanctioned sports. The school competes in the NCAA's Division I Football Championship Subdivision and is a member of the Ohio Valley Conference.

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*TSU 2016-2017  
Volleyball Team*



2016-2017

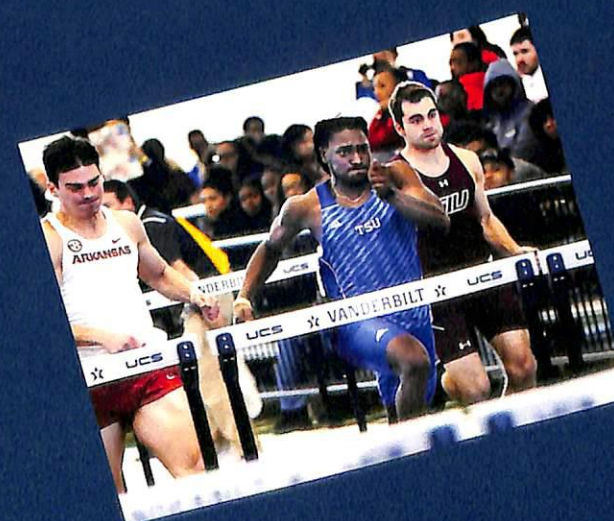
# TIGEBELLES

Women's Track Team





2016-2017

*FLYING**TIGERS*

Men's Track Team





2016-2017

# FOOTBALL

TEAM



## Score Board

Arkansas-Pine Bluff	44-0 W
Jackson State	40-26 W
Bethune-Cookman	31-24 W
UT Martin	34-30 W
Eastern Illinois	34-35 L
Eastern Kentucky	35-28 W
Vanderbilt	17-35 L
Murray State	31-38 L
Austin Peay	41-40 W
Tennessee Tech	16-44 L
Southeast Missouri	32-31 W
Cape Girardeau, MO	32-31 W





2016-2017  
Women's Basketball



**GO TIGERS  
GO!!!**







## 2016-2017 Men's Basketball





# 2016-2017 Tennis Teams

## Women's Tennis



## Men's Tennis

## 2016-2017



## Volleyball Team







### **SEASON HIGHLIGHTS**

**Feb. 10, 2017- TN STATE 9, JARVIS CHRISITAN 0**

**Feb. 11, 2017- TN STATE 8, JACKSON STATE 5**

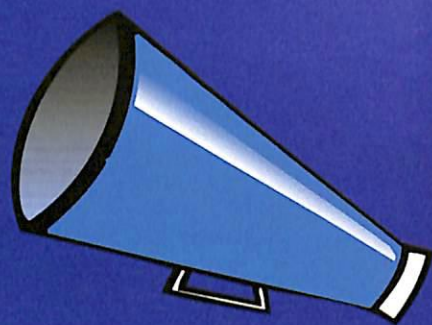
**Feb. 12, 2017- TN STATE 17, JACKSON STATE 11**

**Feb. 24, 2017- TN STATE 5, ALABAMA STATE 3**

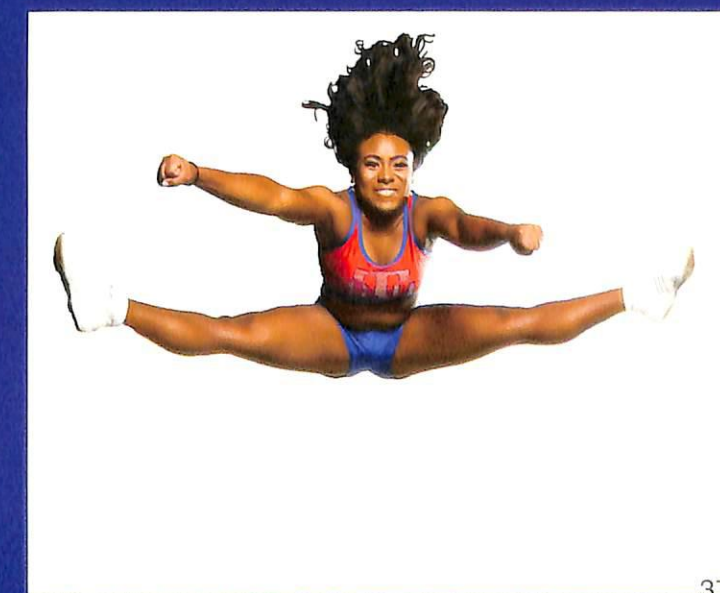
## **2016-2017 Softball Team**



# TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY SPIRIT DEPARTMENT



2016-2017  
CHEERLEADING  
TEAM





# Men's and Women's Golf Teams



Tennessee State placed ninth at the 2017 Ohio Valley Conference Golf Championships. The Tigers (333-344-339=1,016) combined for a 51-over, 339, on the Highlands Course at Hampton Cove.



## *Tigers place 4th at PGA Minority Championship*

The Tennessee State men's golf team closed out the season with a fourth place finish at the 31st PGA Minority Collegiate Championships. The Tigers carded a 20-over, 308, during the final round to conclude play at 63-over, 927.

*Go TSU  
Tigers!*





LENDING A HELPING HAND

# SERVICE

Tennessee State University athletes excel in sports, academics and service. They truly represent the university's motto of "Think. Work. Serve."



A special display highlighting the university's athletic achievements is shared with West End Middle School students.



TSU Athletes are  
winning in service!



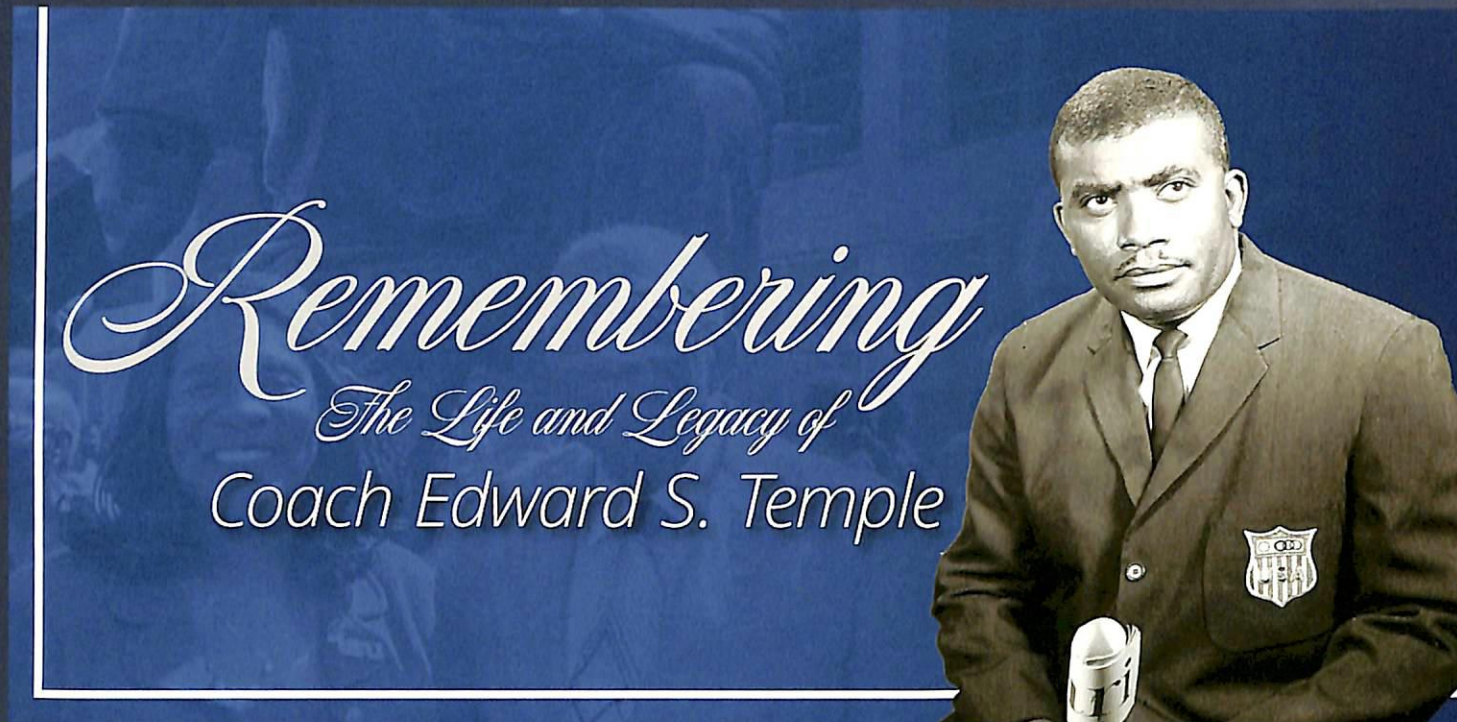
TSU athletes visit with students at  
West End Middle School.



TSU's Lady Tigers basketball team make treats for children at the Ronald McDonald House.



## Hundreds attend Memorial Service for Legendary Track and Field Coach, Edward S. Temple



Coach Edward S. Temple died Sept. 22, 2016 at the age of 89. He was head of TSU's women's track and field program from 1950 to 1994.

In 2015, a 9-foot bronze statue was unveiled in Temple's likeness at First Tennessee Park in Nashville. Coach Temple's legacy is now on display for the world to see as exhibits in the Smithsonian Institution's new National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C. The TSU collection includes Temple's Olympic jacket, replicas of gold medals, and other artifacts or memorabilia.



### Temple's Tigerbelles

Under his coaching, the Tigerbelles won 23 Olympic medals. In all, he led more than 40 athletes to the Olympics. His athletes also accumulated more than 30 national titles.



Hundreds of people attended a memorial service for legendary track and field coach Edward S. Temple, a man heavily praised, mainly for being a game changer.



# Campus Happenings

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Tennessee State University students and faculty are making waves in research, promoting diverse programming and serving the TSU and Nashville community.

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*TSU's Tiger helps keep the big blue spirit alive on campus!*





### *No Pain, No Gain*

*Students use the weight and fitness equipment in the university's Wellness Center.*

## *CAMPUS LIFE*



*Top: The ladies are all smiles, while the gentleman is about business.*



### *See, Eat, Socialize at the Sub*

*Students can grab a quick bite to eat at the Sub while also catching up with friends.*

**Chick-fil-E<sup>®</sup> EXPRESS**



# Agriculture students excel at Tennessee Academy of Science

Eleven Tennessee State University College of Agriculture students won awards at the 126th annual meeting of the Tennessee Academy of Science.

More than 300 students and faculty from 10 universities converged on Austin Peay State University in Clarksville for the meeting on Nov. 19.

TSU was well represented with 32 student presentations in various topics, including agriculture, botany, cell and molecular biology, ecology and environmental science, geosciences, and microbiology.

Of the 11 awards TSU students received four, including 1st place; three 2nd place; three 3rd place; and one honorable mention.

Master's student Jeronimo da Silva was honored for serving as the chair of the Ecology and Environmental Science section, the first time a student served as chair of a section.

The Tennessee Academy of Science seeks to promote scientific research and education in Tennessee. Its 800 members are primarily from academia, with additional members from government and industry.



# College of Business hosts Global Leadership Summit for top business students

Tennessee State University's College of Business has a directive for its students: *"Write your signature on the world."*

Dr. Millicent Lownes-Jackson, the College's dean, said that charge inspired the recent Global Leadership Summit for its top undergraduate and graduate students. The event was held on Oct. 28.

"Our goal in offering such a unique opportunity was to provide an out-of-class learning experience that equipped College of Business students with the confidence, skills and global competitiveness required of the next generation of future leaders," Lownes-Jackson said.



Organizers said the objective of the summit was to help position students for success by teaching them critical leadership and decision-making skills through exposure, lessons, and interactions with executive-level business and governmental leaders.

The event's highlight included an executive luncheon that featured Kevin Williams, recently retired president of General Motors Canada and a 1983 College of Business alum, as the keynote speaker.



# Students build wheelchairs for disabled canines

Pugsly the Pug has a new wheelchair.

Born with a spinal deformity that makes it difficult to stay on its feet, the 15-year-old Dutch mastiff has a new lease on life thanks to a team of occupational and physical therapy students at Tennessee State University.

The students, along with some of their peers from the Art Department, designed a special wheelchair that allows Pugsly to take long strides without wobbling or falling.

Dr. Rita Troxtel, assistant professor of occupational therapy and Pugsly's owner, organized a wheelchair competition that challenged the students to develop wheelchairs for disabled dogs that are low-cost, lightweight and easy to maneuver.

The competition was held Nov. 29 in the university's Floyd-Payne Student Center. About 80 students and their advisers participated.

Students came up with 17 different concepts and designs that were tested on Pugsly before a panel of judges. The winning wheelchair went to Pugsly. The other wheelchairs in the competition were donated to organizations that specialize in adopting or providing sanctuary for animals with disabilities.



# Engineering students are making sure Nashville bridges are safe

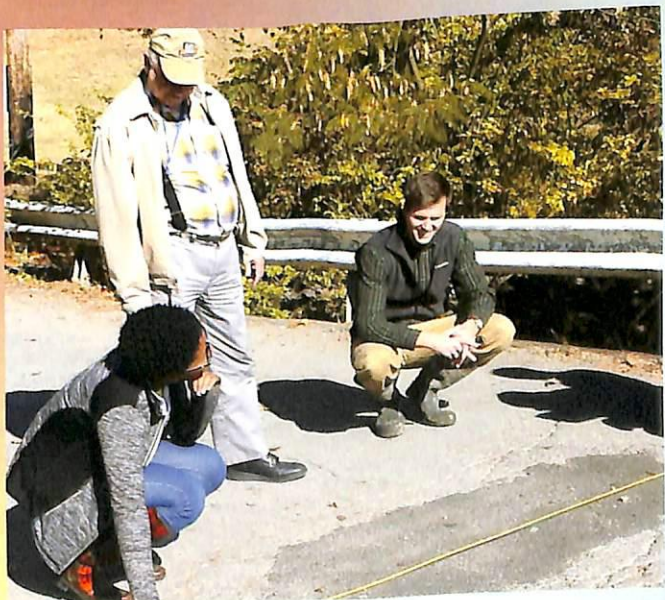


A team of six graduate and undergraduate students, along with their professors from the Departments of Civil and Architectural Engineering, conducted a study on five bridges around the Nashville Fairgrounds to assess their structural integrity.

As part of the fairgrounds improvement project, the students' findings were submitted to the city's structural engineers and will be used to determine future use of the bridges.

Students on the bridge project were:

Kevin Nguyen, a graduate student majoring in civil engineering; and undergraduates, SiVon Jiles, civil engineering; Matthew Miller, architectural engineering; Dwight Pullen, architectural engineering; and Darren Evans, civil engineering.



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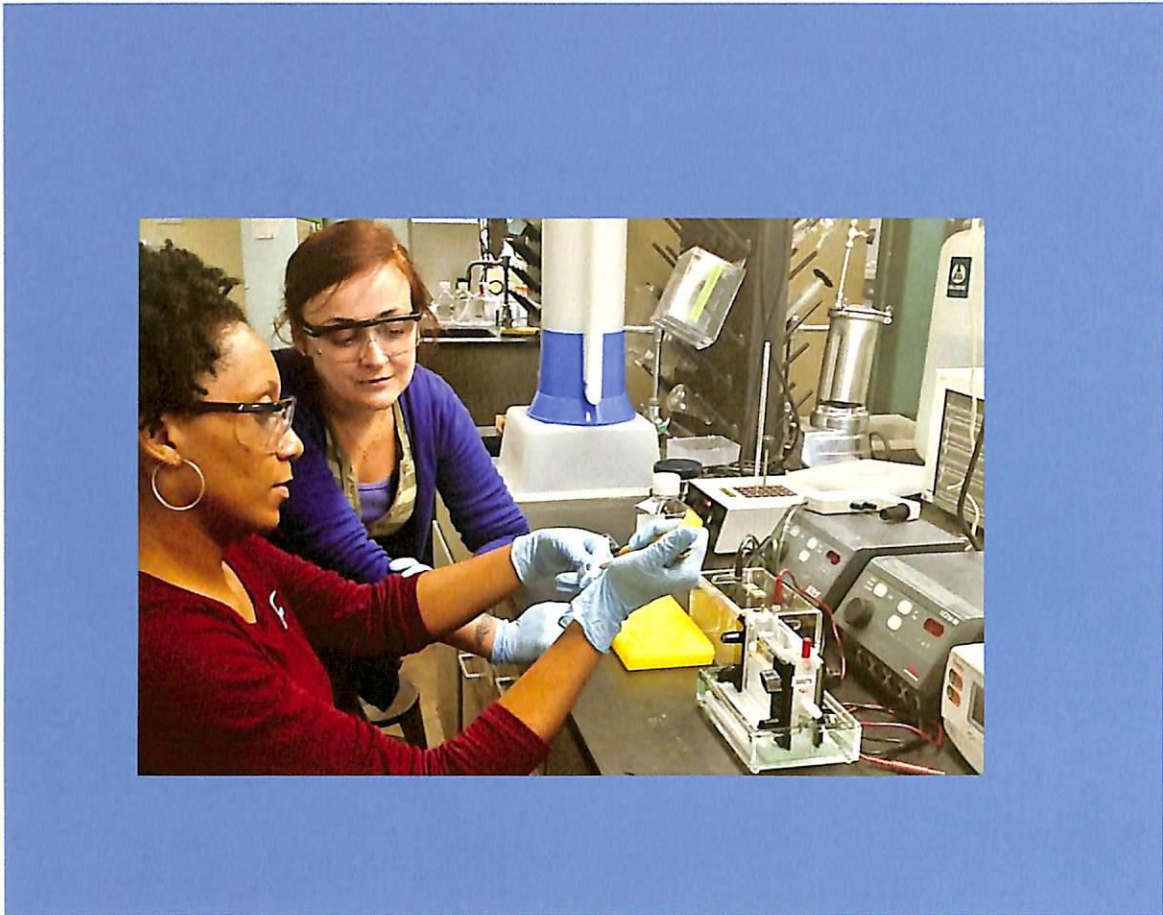
TSU and the College of Engineering are playing an integral part of this strategy by providing our students with practical experience that complements their classroom learning.

- Dr. S. Keith Hargrove, Dean  
College of Engineering

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# TSU part of cutting-edge research aimed at reducing cancer disparities



The U54 Partnership to Eliminate Cancer Health Disparities, funded by the National Cancer Institute for another five years, is a coalition involving TSU, Meharry Medical College and Vanderbilt University. Its goal is to create a model for eliminating disparities in cancer through education, prevention and treatment.

The components of the project are community outreach and engagement, smoking cessation, breast cancer awareness, and cancer research education.

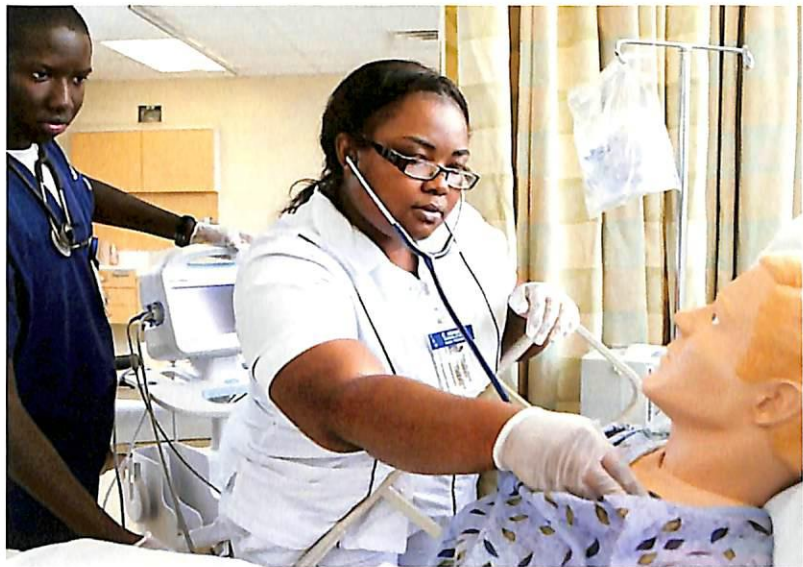
“The intent of this award is to reduce health disparities,” said Dr. Margaret Whalen, professor of chemistry, who heads the cancer research education component. “The specific disparities we are looking at is the disparity between the vast majority of people and certain groups, like African-Americans, in terms of cancer incidence.”

In the case of smoking cessation, TSU scientists are looking at tobacco use and the health disparities it presents, especially the incidence of lung cancer death rate among African-American men.



# Master of Science in Nursing ranked No. 2 in the nation

The TSU Master of Science in Nursing degree was ranked No. 2 among the 50 Best Graduate Nursing Schools in America.



Top Master’s in Healthcare Administration, which conducted the ranking of 2016 Best Schools, said flexible scheduling, highly qualified faculty, and extremely reasonable tuition were factors that helped TSU to achieve the high ranking.

# Marine Corps Leadership Seminar teaches critical skills for the real world

On Sept. 7, more than 40 students from the College of Business participated in a daylong leadership seminar conducted by a group of Marines.

The workshop was part of Marine Week, an annual event in which the Corps take over a major city to show the public the capabilities of the U.S. Marine. It includes displays of some of the military’s big guns and hardwares, as well as appearances at schools and veteran hospitals.

At the downtown Avon Williams Campus, students participated in the Marine Corps Leadership Seminar, which exposes business students to Marine Corps leadership principles that ensure success in the business world.





## TSU, Google partner to help prepare computer science students for the work force



TSU is one of 10 historically black colleges and universities participating in the Google in Residence Program, which uses the technology giant's engineers to teach introductory computer science classes, as well as help students further develop soft and technical skills.

The Google team at TSU consists of a tech programs specialist and an instructor who teaches an Introduction to Computer Science course, which Google helped to develop. The Google instructor and a computer science faculty member teach three sections of the course together.

While the introductory class is mainly for freshmen, both Google team members provide assistance to all students to help prepare them for opportunities in the tech field. TSU officials say they hope the prep will increase internship and employment opportunities for TSU computer science students not only with Google, but companies like IBM and Microsoft.

Google is a multinational, publicly traded organization built around the company's hugely popular search engine. Google's other enterprises include Internet analytics, cloud computing, advertising technologies, Web app, browser and operating system development.



## More than 300 TSU students and volunteers participate in MLK, Jr. Day of Service

On Jan. 21, more than 300 TSU students and volunteers participated in various projects around Nashville that included working with kids, assisting elderly residents, packing food, painting and hanging photos.

The MLK Day of Service at TSU is organized each year by the Center for Service Learning and Civic Engagement to give students, faculty and staff an opportunity to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy through service.

The center was one of six organizations to receive federal and matching funds from the Corporation for National and Community Service to mobilize volunteers to honor King's memory through service projects.







The State's two largest school districts could see an increase in math, biology and chemistry teachers thanks to a partnership between Tennessee State University and national-syndicated radio host Tom Joyner.

The initiative, which encourages community college graduates to attend TSU and teach in Memphis and Nashville after graduation, was announced Sept. 9.

The partnership seeks to get more students interested in science, technology, engineering and math, or STEM. It will offer full scholarships to students graduating from five Tennessee community colleges: Southwest Tennessee, Nashville State, Volunteer State, Motlow State, and Columbia State.



## Tom Joyner Foundation partners with TSU

*Nationally-syndicated  
radio host, Tom Joyner.*

The Tom Joyner Foundation supports historically black colleges and universities with scholarships, endowments, and capacity building enhancements. Since it was created in 1997, the foundation has raised more than \$65 million to help students stay in school.



The Tom Joyner Foundation will provide 75 percent of the scholarship funds, and the rest will come from the NSF funded Tiger Teach Initiative and TSU's Office of Community College Initiatives.



# Aristocrat of Bands performs for Who's Who list of celebrities, dignitaries at the White House

President Barack Obama and First Lady Michelle Obama weren't the only ones awed by the powerful sound of Tennessee State University's Aristocrat of Bands at the White House on Sept. 23.

The celebrity list of who's who listening to the performance on the south lawn included music icon Quincy Jones, former basketball star Kobe Bryant, and Hollywood celebrities Debbie Allen and Samuel L. Jackson, just to name a few. There were also dignitaries and current and former government officials, including former U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder.



*The Aristocrat of Bands perform at the White House for the opening of the National Museum of African American History and Culture.*



The band's tunes included Al Green's "I'm Still In Love With You," and TSU favorite, "I'm So Glad I Go to TSU." Mrs. Obama liked what she heard so much that she posted the band on Instagram.

## History Makers

The band was invited to Washington, D.C. to celebrate the opening of the National Museum of African American History and Culture; the first HBCU band to perform for the Obama administration at the White House.

*Once In A  
Lifetime  
Opportunity*



*"This is a proud moment for TSU, as we continue to build on our great legacy."*  
- PRESIDENT GLENDA GLOVER



"A lot of people would never be able to say that they've had the opportunity to meet the President of the United States, let alone play on the White House lawn. This is tremendous."

- DR. REGINALD McDONALD, BAND DIRECTOR





# Women's

## HISTORY MONTH ACTIVITIES

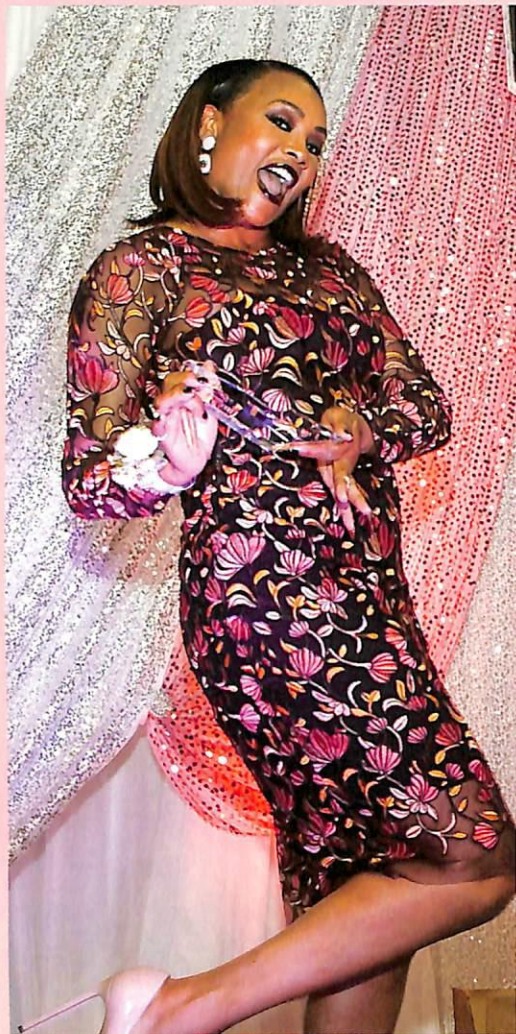
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During the month of March, Tennessee State University hosted several events planned that fittingly celebrated women and their impact on society.

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*In the United States, Women's History Month traces its beginnings back to the first International Women's Day in 1911.*





# Women of Legend and Merit Awards



Actress Vivica A. Fox was the keynote speaker at the 2017 Women of Legend and Merit Awards on March 21, which also featured a performance by songstress Angela Winbush.

With an extensive body of work that includes television, stage and film credits, Fox talked about her career, at times drawing laughter from attendees, and striking a more serious note when discussing her mother and her faith.

First held in 2007, the WOLM awards is designed to bring awareness and raise funds to support the TSU Women's Center, which offers student-focused programming to empower individuals and student organizations, as well as help students make the right choices.



*TSU President Glenda Glover, scholarship recipient Kayla Daniels, and Dr. Samantha Morgan-Curtis, associate professor of English and Women's Studies at TSU.*

TSU freshman Kayla Daniels was given a \$1,000 scholarship to pursue her degree in business. The scholarship dollars are available mainly because of money raised at the WOLM awards through ticket sales and sponsorships.







# Danielle Haik

## *Senior*

Danielle Haik is a Computer Science major from Atlanta, Georgia.

She is president of the Association for Computing and Machinery, the creator of the “Women in STEM” Luncheon, and a 2016 Thurgood Marshall Leadership Institute participant.

Danielle was invited to be a justice on the Tennessee State University Student Court as well as a member of the Career Center advisory board. She enjoys playing sports, volunteering, and spending time with friends and family, and her platform and passion is “Diversity in the Sciences.”

Danielle is a graduating senior, and has successfully secured a full-time offer in her field.



# Treasure Giddens

## *Junior*

Treasure Giddens, a Detroit, Michigan native, has a Bio-Chemistry concentration with a minor in Business.

A women's rights advocate and supporter of the advancement of people of color, she aspires to be an anesthesiologist.

She is a member of Alpha Kappa Psi Professional Business Fraternity Incorporated, Student Government Association (SGA), University Ambassadors, the Honor's College, National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS), Michigan Club, Chemistry Club, the American Medical Student Association (AMSA), Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students (MAPS) and a Women's Center representative.

Her hobbies include reading, sightseeing, and traveling. Her passion is helping people.



# Jeneisha Harris

## *Sophomore*



Jeneisha Harris is a Biology/Psychology double major and a Spanish minor from Memphis, Tennessee.

A mental health and policy advocate, she aspires to be a pediatric neuropsychiatrist and later a United States Congresswoman.

Her accolades include being the 2015-2016 Miss Sophomore and a 2016-2017 White House Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) All-Star.

Her hobbies include traveling, fashion, politics and people. Her passion is working with other young women. She is the founder of "Queens That Love God."

Jeneisha will intern for Congressman Steve Cohen (D-TN 9th District) starting May 2017.

# Sierra Holmes

## *Freshman*



Sierra Holmes is a freshman with a 3.70 GPA. She is pursuing a degree in Family and Consumer Sciences with a concentration in Fashion Merchandising.

A native of Orlando, Florida, Sierra is a rising entrepreneur with her own exclusive hand-painted clothing brand, "Sierra Nicole Exclusives."

Sierra has always had an artistic eye and a love for painting since she was a child and decided to incorporate her talent into customized clothing starting specifically with designing jackets during the summer of 2016.

"I've always wanted to wear my own art," Sierra said. She wants to expand her ideas to incorporate shirts, hoodies, and gloves.





# Seniors

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This is the day you've been preparing for  
Since the day you walked through that first  
classroom door.  
Now it is time to say good-bye,  
And spread your wings - you're ready to fly.

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*Congratulations  
Class of 2017!*



**Anderson, Arijana**  
Mass Communications  
Muncie, IN

**Anthony, Candace**  
Business Administration  
Lithonia, GA

**Baker, Micah**  
Business Administration  
Antioch, TN



**Black, Sherrece**  
Mass Communications  
Birmingham, AL

**Bond, Alan**  
Computer Science  
Memphis, TN

**Brown III, Charles D.**  
Business Administration  
Nashville, TN



**Brown, Cordnie**  
Communications/Theatre  
Nashville, TN

**Brown, ShaRicka**  
Communications/Theatre  
Nashville, TN

**Brown, Tyesha D.**  
Business Management  
Danville, IL



**Brownridge, Nytevea**  
Accounting  
St. Louis, MO

**Carter, Adrianne**  
Mass Communications  
Memphis, TN

**Cash, Chelsea**  
English  
Nashville, TN



**Cato, Nephiteria**  
Health Information Management  
Nashville, TN

**Chatman, Marea'**  
Computer Science  
Nashville, TN

**Davis, Kanisha**  
Health Science  
Chicago, IL

**Davis, Raven**  
HPSS/Exercise Science  
Muncie, IN

**Davis, Raven**  
HPSS/Exercise Science

**Diggs, Marilyn E.**  
Business Information Systems  
Stone Mountain, GA

**Duckett, Crimson**  
Mass Communications  
Columbus, OH

**Duncan, Quineshia**  
Health Information Management  
Greenwood, SC

**Elliott, Domonique**  
Healthcare Administration &  
Planning  
Madison, TN

**Evetts, Brandy**  
Healthcare Administration &  
Planning  
Nashville, TN

**Franklin, Jolynn**  
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Business Administration  
Danville, IL



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Supply Chain Management  
Fort Lauderdale, FL



**Geiger, Romin**  
Psychology  
Sacramento, CA



**Godwin, Myka**  
Interdisciplinary Studies  
Nashville, TN



**Irby, Jarelle**  
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Boston, MA

**Johnson, Courtney M.**  
Architectural Engineering  
Birmingham, AL

**Jones, Alicia**  
Mass Communications  
Memphis, TN

**Greene, Zandra**  
Healthcare Administration &  
Planning  
Jackson, TN



**Grimes, Cashonna**  
Math  
Nashville, TN



**Halcin, Nicole**  
Health Science  
Coplay, PA



**Jones, Renita**  
Psychology  
Whiteville, TN

**Jordan, Janet**  
Political Science  
Chicago, IL

**King, Tifinie**  
Healthcare Administration &  
Planning  
Peoria, IL

**Harris, Candace**  
Nursing  
Huntsville, AL



**Hedrick, Kirsten**  
Mass Communications  
Chicago, IL



**Holmes, Allen**  
Supply Chain Management  
St. Louis, MO



**Lawrence, Maisie**  
Respiratory Therapy  
Memphis, TN

**LeNeair, Chy'enne**  
HPSS  
Wisconsin

**Lovato, Delfina**  
HCAP  
California

**Hooks, Dexter A.**  
Business Administration  
Washington, D.C.



**Horn, Nicholas**  
Electrical Engineering  
Birmingham, AL



**Hutchinson, Kanita**  
Agricultural Sciences  
Atlanta, GA



**McCrary, Iman**  
Biochemistry  
Jackson, TN

**McWoods, Ayana**  
Health Sciences  
DeSoto, TX

**Michaux, Juneice D.**  
Health Sciences  
Lenoir, NC



**Mohamud, Sulekha**  
Health Information  
Management  
Nashville, TN

**Morgan, Marissa**  
Biology  
Atlanta, GA

**Moss, Catherine**  
Social Work  
Kansas City, MO



**Potts, Kevin**  
Psychology  
Jackson, TN

**Preston, Brandi**  
Nursing  
Atlanta, GA

**Prude, Tyra**  
Mass Communications  
Kankakee, FL

**Muday, Muna**  
Health Sciences  
Somalia

**Munroe, Darrien**  
Business Administration  
Atlanta, GA

**Murphy, Roderkuis**  
Agriculture Business  
Whiteville, TN



**Robinson, Jeanette**  
Health Information Management  
Birmingham, AL

**Rogers, Darryan**  
Psychology  
Memphis, TN

**Ross, Kayla**  
Theatre  
Atlanta, GA

**Murry, Kyara**  
Political Science  
Janesville, WI

**Moreland, Amani C.**  
Mass Communications  
Knoxville, TN

**Page, CarVaughn**  
English  
Atlanta, GA



**Rucker, Tyler**  
Math and Economics  
Warren, OH

**Sarden, Maurice**  
Psychology  
Morristown, TN

**Scott-Cheatham, Imari**  
Mass Communications  
Long Beach, CA

**Page, Ja'Niya**  
Psychology  
Memphis, TN

**Pharr, Raven**  
Mathematics  
Chicago, IL

**Plump, Jhana Elise**  
Chemistry  
Birmingham, AL



**Shelton, Karen**  
Health Information Management  
Nashville, TN

**Smith, Destiny**  
Healthcare Administration &  
Planning  
Rochester, NY

**Smith, Rochelle**  
Business Administration  
Chicago, IL



Swanson, Anissa N.  
Psychology  
Nashville, TN



Talley, Bianca  
Psychology  
Memphis, TN



Tate, Tara  
Criminal Justice  
Plainfield, NJ



Tyson, Khiala  
Healthcare Administration &  
Planning  
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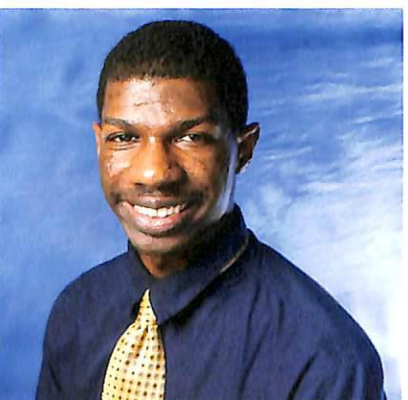
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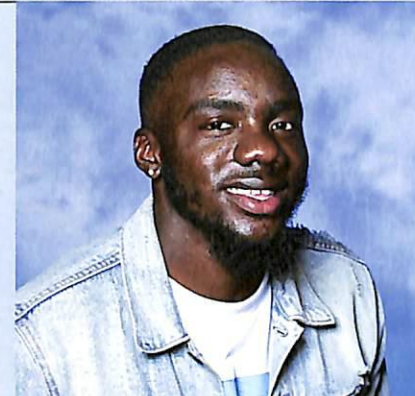
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# Juniors

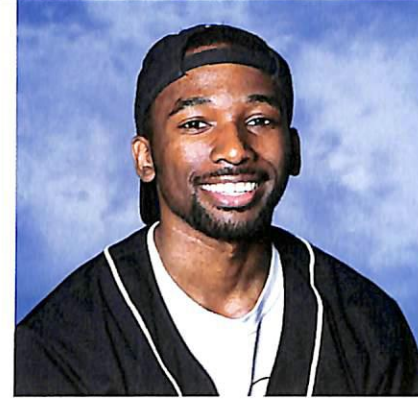
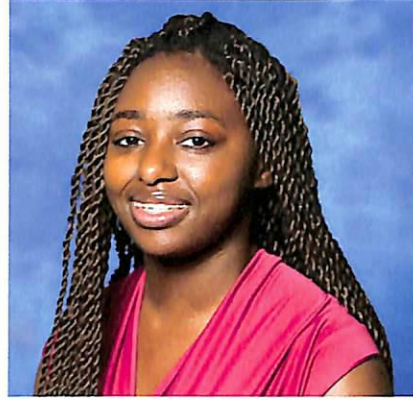




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**Barnett, Bonita**  
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**Bell, Chantal**  
Elementary Education  
Nashville, TN

**Cook, Khalil**  
Health Science  
Decatur, IL

**Curry, Arayvia**  
Health Science  
Memphis, TN



**Doby, Darielle**  
Cardio-Respiratory  
Collierville, TN

**Ferrell, Destiny**  
Psychology  
Dallas, TX

**Fuqua, Jessica**  
Biology  
Nashville, TN



**Giddens, Treasure**  
Chemistry  
Detroit, MI

**Graften, Quantia**  
Psychology  
Memphis, TN

**Green, Jr., Charlie**  
Architectural Engineering  
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**Grigsby, Isaiah**  
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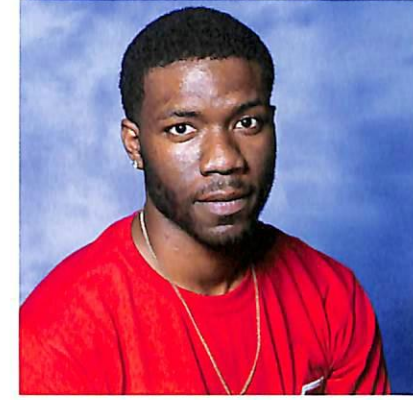
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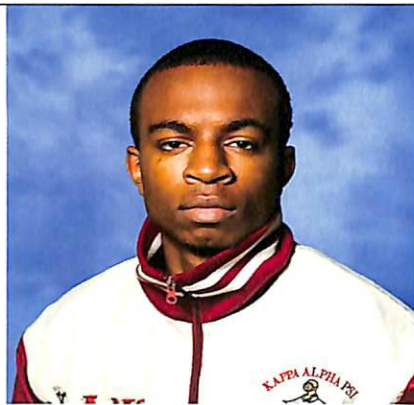
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Pullen Dwight  
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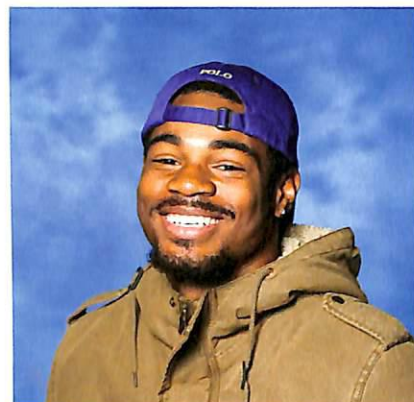
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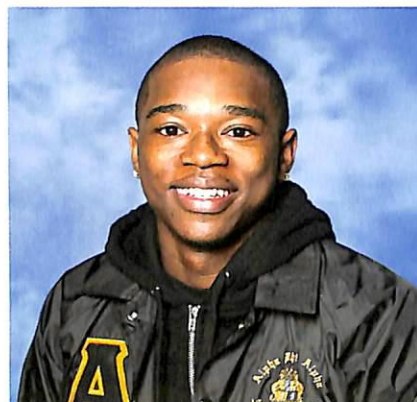
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HPSS  
Memphis, TN



# Sophomore





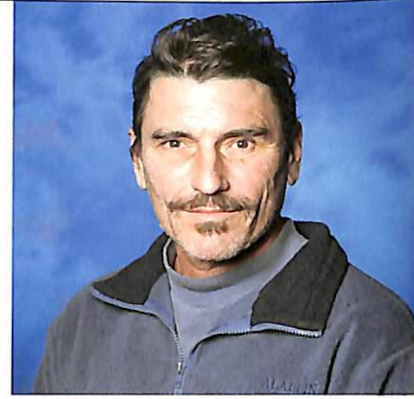
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Food and Nutrition  
Washington, DC



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Buchanan, Courtney  
Dental Hygiene  
Antioch, TN



Butterfield, Nadia  
Psychology  
Atlanta, GA



Carruth, Zucchinius  
Biology/Pre-Med  
Memphis, TN



Hunter, Nina  
Criminal Justice  
Detroit, MI

McRae, DaJon  
Business Administration  
Memphis, TN

Phillips, Michelle  
Biology  
Gary, IN

Daniels, Amaris  
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Occupational Therapy  
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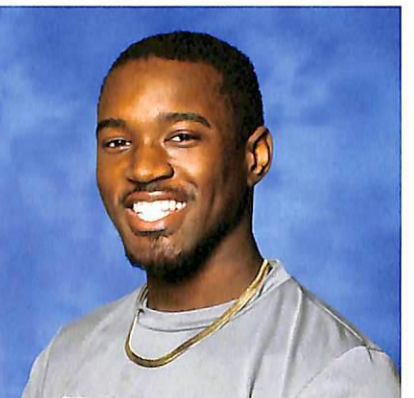
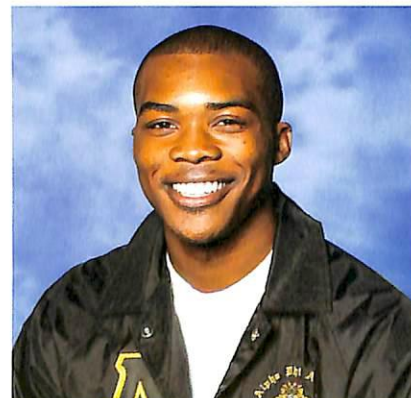


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Jackson, MS

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Business Administration  
Decatur, AL



Henniny, Tyler  
Computer Science  
Jackson, TN



Williams, Tomale  
English and Africana Studies  
Chicago, IL

Wright, Lasherian  
HPSS  
Memphis, TN



# Freshmen



**Carradine, Taya**  
Chemistry  
Chicago, IL



**Christman, Jkira**  
Education  
Nashville, TN



**Dansby, Makyiah**  
Fashion Merchandising  
Nashville, TN



**Flowers, Alfreemon**  
Commercial Music  
Milwaukee, WI



**Johnson, Asia**  
Nursing  
Nashville, TN

**King, Kevuntez D.**  
Healthcare Administration &  
Planning  
Memphis, TN



**Laws, Joi**  
Business  
Chicago, IL

**Lester, Deshawn**  
Business Administration  
Memphis, TN

**Moody-Coleman, Maya**  
Mass Communications  
Chicago, IL



**Owens, Miyana**  
Mass Communications  
Atlanta, GA

**Thomas, Tamirra**  
Biology  
Memphis, TN

**Winston, Jeffery**  
Criminal Justice  
Memphis, TN

**Davis, Chasmine**  
Health Sciences  
Memphis, TN







# Faculty & Staff

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Tennessee State University employs a dedicated team of faculty and staff who collectively, support the research, teaching and service missions of the university.

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*TSU Faculty participates in the Commencement ceremony held in the fall and spring of each semester.*



**Abu, Sheila**  
Admissions

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Student Activities

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Research & Institutional  
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Student Affairs

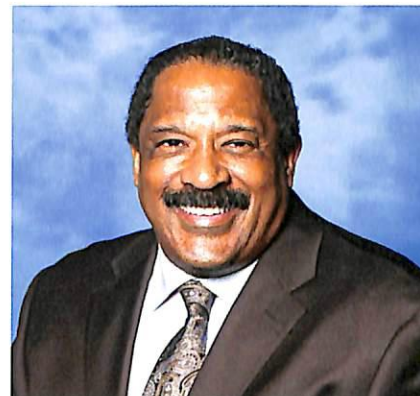
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Residence Life

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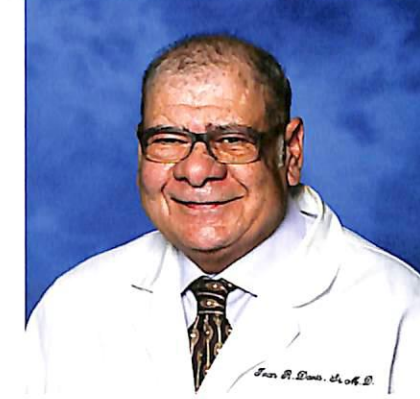
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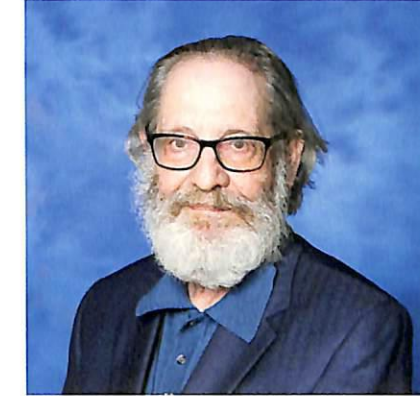
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Teaching & Learning



**Dukhie, Brent**  
Residence Life

**Earnest, Peggy**  
Student Affairs

**Freeman, Emmanuel S.**  
Media Relations



**Glover, Glenda**  
President

**Gilmore, Erica**  
Judicial Affairs and Student  
Conduct

**Gray, Kristin**  
First-Year Students





**Hamilton, Rodney**  
Men's Basketball



**Harris, Chandria**  
Career Development Center



**Harris, David**  
Recruiting



**Haskins, Sr., Brandon P.**  
Student Success Center



**Henricks, Ashley**  
Residence Life



**Hill, Regina**  
Student Affairs



**Johnson II, Lucas**  
Media Relations

**Johnson, William**  
HPSS

**Jordan, Pierre**  
Men's Basketball

**Lee, Jr., Wilson**  
One-Stop Center

**Lewis, Erica L.**  
Residence Life

**McKenzie, Diana**  
Financial Aid

**Mitchell, Monique**  
Residence Life

**Morgan, Sr., Keith**  
Floyd-Payne Campus Center

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Facilities Management

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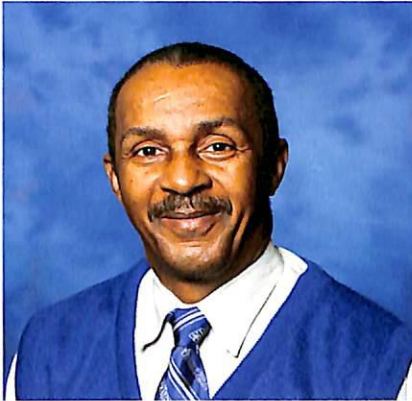
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Student Affairs



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Career Development Center



**Johnson, Chaquille**  
Financial Aid





Reed, Tina  
Career Development Center

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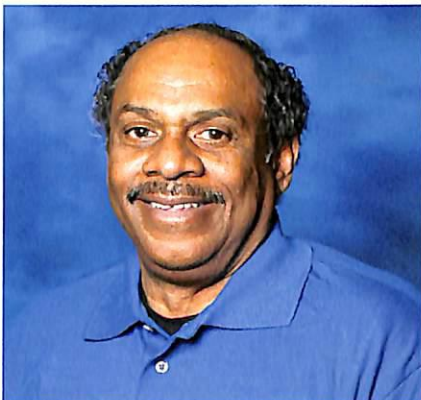
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Residence Life

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Mathematical Sciences

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Financial Aid



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Events Management

Wells, Ariel K.  
Student Affairs

Whitworth, Ramona  
Graduate Studies and Research



Williams, Briana  
Residence Life

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Williams, Jeanne  
Admissions



Wilson, Toshilho  
Residence Life

Winrow, Grant L.  
Special Projects

Wood, Amy Boles  
Financial Aid



Yates III, Lucian  
Graduate Studies and Research





# Homecoming

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## "Celebrating A Legacy of Pride and Progress"

Homecoming at Tennessee State University is  
unlike any other and the 2016 celebration was  
among one of our biggest ever.

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*TSU's Sophisticated Ladies*



# Tigers Win!

Tennessee State secures a 35-28 victory over Eastern Kentucky.



"I felt like the first half was great for us. I felt in the second half we came out kind of slow, but all in all, we got the 'W' and we played a pretty good game overall."

Ezra Robinson, TSU Cornerback

"Today we had to come out and set the tempo for the rest of the game. We just executed what they've (coaches) been preaching all week."

Larry Wilhoite, TSU Safety

## Robert N. Murrell Oratorical Contest



Homecoming is a rich, always anticipated tradition of the TSU community. The annual Robert N. Murrell Oratorical Contest officially kicks off Homecoming week.



## AN ARISTOCRAT PERFORMANCE

Fans always get a high quality musical performance with innovative arrangements and precision marching from the Aristocrat of Bands during Homecoming.

# It's Homecoming!

Hundreds of people attended the 2016 Homecoming celebration, which was held Oct. 9 - Oct. 15 culminating with the game against Ohio Valley Conference rival Eastern Kentucky University.



TSU's Royal Court joins the crowd in cheering on the Tigers!



Go Big Blue!



Get in formation!



All smiles!



Sophisticated style!

"Homecoming is a way for family and alumni to come back and see the changes on campus and what their kids or family members are really doing," said William Johnson, a senior economics major at TSU.





# *The* *Royal* *Court*

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Pomp, intellect, sophistication and that old  
"Big Blue" spirit - the TSU Royal Court  
always stands out.

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*The coronation or the crowning of  
a queen or king, especially at  
HBCUs, is rooted in traditions  
that affirm ethnic heritage, build  
self-esteem, and develop leaders.*



# Meet 2016-2017 Miss TSU... Alicia Jones

ALICIA JONES IS A SENIOR AT TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY HAILING FROM THE BAR-B-QUE AND BLUES CITY OF MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. HER MAJOR IS MASS COMMUNICATIONS WITH A CONCENTRATION IN JOURNALISM AND A MINOR IN BUSINESS. SHE IS THE DAUGHTER OF TARSHA JONES AND JERALD BAILEY. ALICIA IS THE CREATOR OF "INSPIRATIONAL WEDNESDAY," WHERE SHE WRITES INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES TO UPLIFT AND MOTIVATE THE CAMPUS. SHE IS VERY INVOLVED ON CAMPUS IN ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE UNIVERSITY HONORS PROGRAM, PHI ETA SIGMA HONORS SOCIETY, THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF LEADERSHIP AND SUCCESS, THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN INC., AND THE HIP'NOTYZE DANCE TROUPE, TO NAME A FEW. ADDITIONALLY, SHE IS INVOLVED WITH THE NAACP AND IS CO-HOST FOR *THE MORNING GLORY* RADIO SHOW ON WTST-THE BLAZE. HER POST-GRADUATION PLANS INCLUDE ATTENDING GRADUATE SCHOOL WHERE SHE HOPES TO RECEIVE HER MASTER'S DEGREE IN BUSINESS OR PSYCHOLOGY. ULTIMATELY, SHE WANTS TO BECOME A JOURNALIST, MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER, AND CONTINUE HER NONPROFIT PROJECT - I-INSPIRE - WHICH SERVES, MENTORS AND LEADS FUTURE LEADERS.

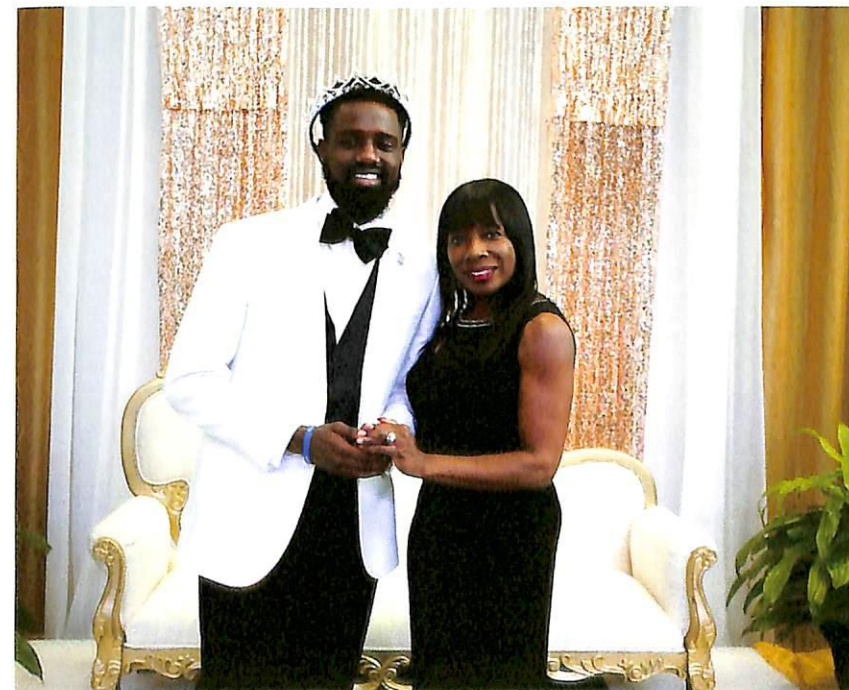






Meet 2016-2017 Mr. TSU...  
Jordan Gaither

JORDAN GAITHER WAS BORN IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA TO THE PROUD PARENTS OF DR. BEN AND SHERRY GAITHER. JORDAN STARTED PLAYING BASKETBALL AT THE AGE OF FOUR AND CONTINUED TO PLAY THROUGHOUT THE YEARS LEADING HIM TO A BASKETBALL SCHOLARSHIP AT TSU IN 2012. JORDAN PLAYED ON THE MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM HIS FRESHMAN AND SOPHOMORE YEARS. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE GENERATION OF EDUCATED MEN AS WELL AS ALPHA KAPPA PSI PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS FRATERNITY. JORDAN BELIEVES THAT YOU HAVE TO SPEAK THINGS INTO EXISTENCE AND WANTS THE STUDENT BODY TO KNOW THAT HIS LOVE FOR TSU IS UNCONDITIONAL.







## Miss Senior Jewell Johnson

JEWEL JOHNSON IS FROM DETROIT, MICHIGAN AND IS A BIOLOGY PRE-MED MAJOR WITH A DOUBLE MINOR IN CHEMISTRY AND PSYCHOLOGY. SHE IS THE DAUGHTER OF LATISHA JOHNSON AND DERRICK GRIFFIN. AS A GRADUATING SENIOR, SHE PLANS TO ATTEND GEORGETOWN GRADUATE SCHOOL FOR HER MASTER'S DEGREE IN CHEMISTRY AND THEN TO ATTEND BAYLER MEDICAL SCHOOL IN TEXAS. SHE IS A MEMBER OF THE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY CHEERLEADING TEAM, THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COLORED WOMEN'S CLUBS INC., AND ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY INCORPORATED.



## Mr. Senior Alan Bond

ALAN BOND IS THE SON OF MICHAEL BOND AND LONDON CHRETIEN-BOND. HE IS A COMPUTER SCIENCE MAJOR FROM MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE. AS HE HAS MATRICULATED THROUGH THE COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AT TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY, HE HAS CONDUCTED RESEARCH FUNDED BY THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION IN COMPUTATIONAL MATH. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE D.R.E.A.M. PROJECT, THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF COLLEGIATE SCHOLARS, THE HONORS COLLEGE, ALPHA KAPPA PSI PROFESSIONAL BUSINESS FRATERNITY AND THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF BLACK ENGINEERS, AMONG OTHERS.







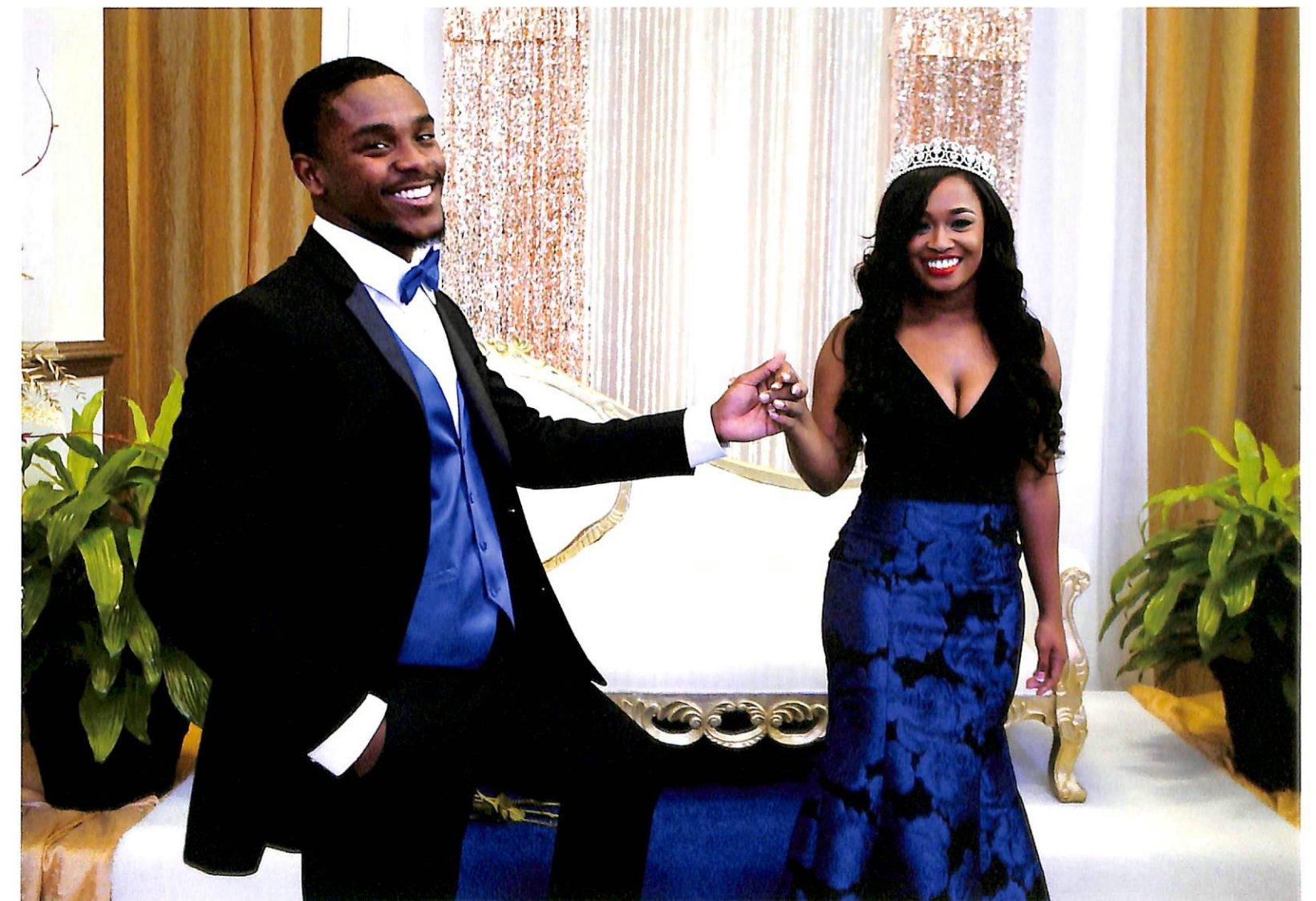
## Miss Junior Kayla Smith

KAYLA SMITH IS MISS JUNIOR. SHE IS FROM MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE PURSUING A DEGREE IN HEALTH SCIENCE WITH A CONCENTRATION IN THERAPEUTIC STUDIES AND A MINOR IN PSYCHOLOGY. KAYLA IS THE DAUGHTER OF KEITH AND SAMANTHA SMITH.



## Mr. Junior Alec Forrest

ALEC FORREST IS AN ACCOUNTING MAJOR FROM JACKSON, TENNESSEE. HE IS THE SON OF MELINDA CLARK.







## Miss Sophomore Kayla Sampson

MISS SOPHOMORE IS MS. KAYLA SAMPSON. KAYLA IS AN AGRICULTURE SCIENCE MAJOR WITH A CONCENTRATION IN BIOTECHNOLOGY AND PRE-MEDICINE FROM JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI. SHE IS THE DAUGHTER OF RON AND EVELYN SAMPSON.



## Mr. Sophomore Kevin McHenry

MR. SOPHOMORE KEVIN MCHENRY. KEVIN IS FROM MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN AND IS THE SON OF SAKEENA FOSTER AND KEVIN B. MCHENRY SR. HE IS A BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION MAJOR WITH A MINOR IN NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS.







## Miss Freshman Sydnie Jeray Davis

MISS FRESHMAN IS SYDNIIE JERAY DAVIS FROM NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE. SYDNIIE IS A MASS COMMUNICATION MAJOR WITH A DOUBLE CONCENTRATION IN INTEGRATED MARKETING AND MEDIA LEADERSHIP AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP. SHE IS THE DAUGHTER OF FELISHA WALKER AND GERALD WAYNE DAVIS, II.



## Mr. Freshman Kevuntez DaShun King

MR. FRESHMAN KEVUNTEZ DaSHUN KING IS MR. FRESHMAN. KEVUNTEZ IS A NATIVE OF MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE MAJORING IN MASS COMMUNICATION WITH A MINOR IN INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS. HE IS THE SON OF KIZZY KING AND MICHAEL WEAVER.







"The Voice of the Students, To Serve the Students"

# Student Government

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The mission of the Student Government Association (SGA) is to provide TSU students with representation, services, and advocacy within the university structure.

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*SGA Inauguration Ceremony*



# Meet 2016-2017 SGA President Aarian J. Forman



AARIAN J FORMAN IS THE 2016-2017 SGA PRESIDENT. AARIAN IS A SENIOR FROM DANVILLE, ILLINOIS MAJORING IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION. HE IS THE SON OF AARON AND TAMARA FORMAN. IN ADDITION TO SGA, HE IS A MEMBER OF THE NEW DIRECTION GOSPEL CHOIR, THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF BLACK ENGINEERS, AND THE NATIONAL CONSORTIUM OF HBCU SGA PRESIDENTS.







Meet 2016-2017 SGA Executive VP  
Dexter A. Hooks

DEXTER HOOKS SERVES AS STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT. HE IS THE SON OF ANGIE AND IZELL HOOKS. DEXTER IS FROM NORTH EAST, D.C. AND IS MAJORING IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION. HE IS A MEMBER OF THE UNIVERSITY'S HONORS COLLEGE, THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF COLLEGIATE SCHOLARS, PHI ETA SIGMA NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY AND AN AMBASSADOR FOR THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.



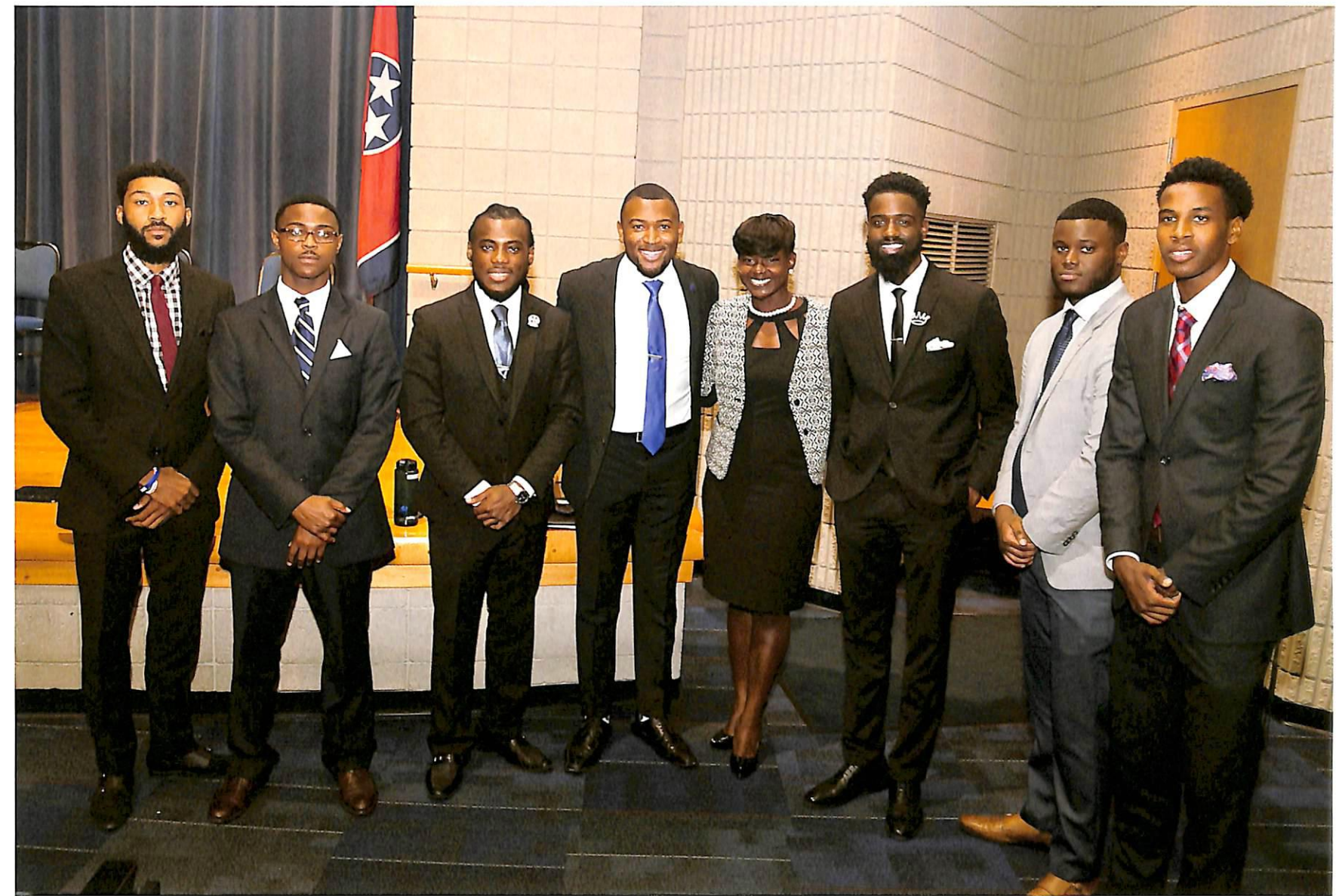




## Student Election Commission

Angelica Jacox  
*Chair*

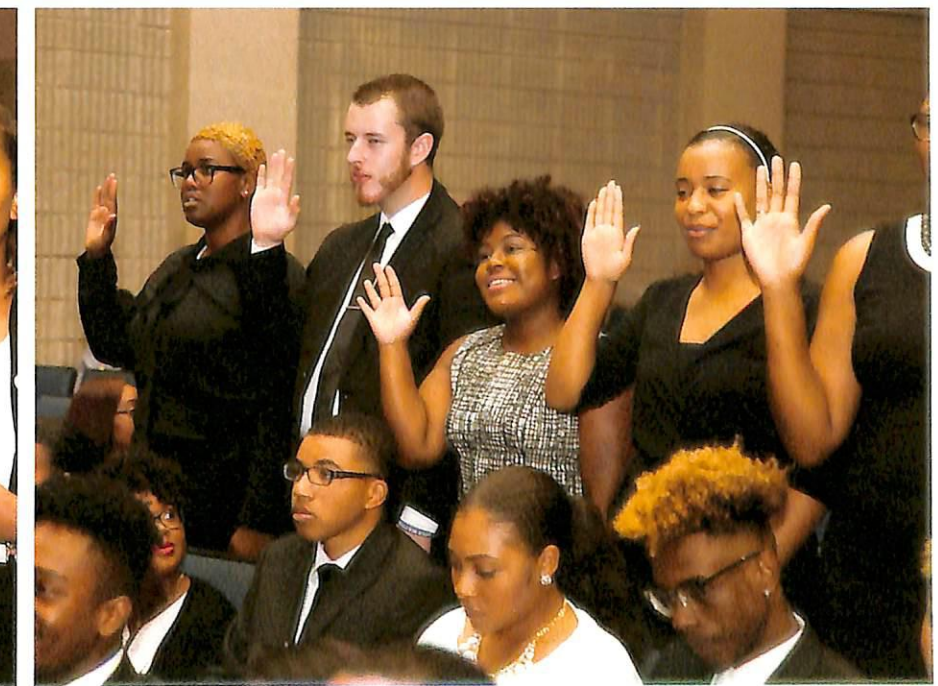
Classification: Senior  
Hometown: Memphis, Tennessee  
Major: Political Science



## Student Union Board of Governors

Tierra Young  
*Chair*

Classification: Senior  
Hometown: Memphis, Tennessee  
Major: Biology







# Greek Life

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Sororities and fraternities consistently give back to the campus community, Nashville and the broader global community through community service and philanthropic work.

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*National  
Pan-Hellenic  
Council*



# Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated

## FOUNDED DECEMBER 4, 1906



"ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC. DEVELOPS LEADERS, PROMOTES BROTHERHOOD AND ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, WHILE PROVIDING SERVICE AND ADVOCACY FOR OUR COMMUNITIES."

Alpha Phi Alpha, the first intercollegiate Greek-letter fraternity established for African-American Men, was founded at Cornell University in Ithaca, New York by seven college men who recognized the need for a strong bond of brotherhood among African descendants in this country.

# Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated

## FOUNDED JANUARY 15, 1908



Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated (AKA) was founded on a mission comprised of five basic tenets that have remained unchanged since the sorority's inception more than a century ago. Alpha Kappa Alpha's mission is to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical standards, to promote unity and friendship among college women, to study and help alleviate problems concerning girls and women in order to improve their social stature, to maintain a progressive interest in college life, and to be of "Service to All Mankind."



# Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Incorporated

## FOUNDED JANUARY 5, 1911



Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. is an international organization founded on the campus of Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana on January 5, 1911. Since its inception, the fraternity has trained over 150,000 men, particularly undergraduates, for leadership roles in their communities and the attainment of a high degree of excellence in their academic pursuits. The International Headquarters is located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

# Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Incorporated

## FOUNDED NOVEMBER 17, 1911



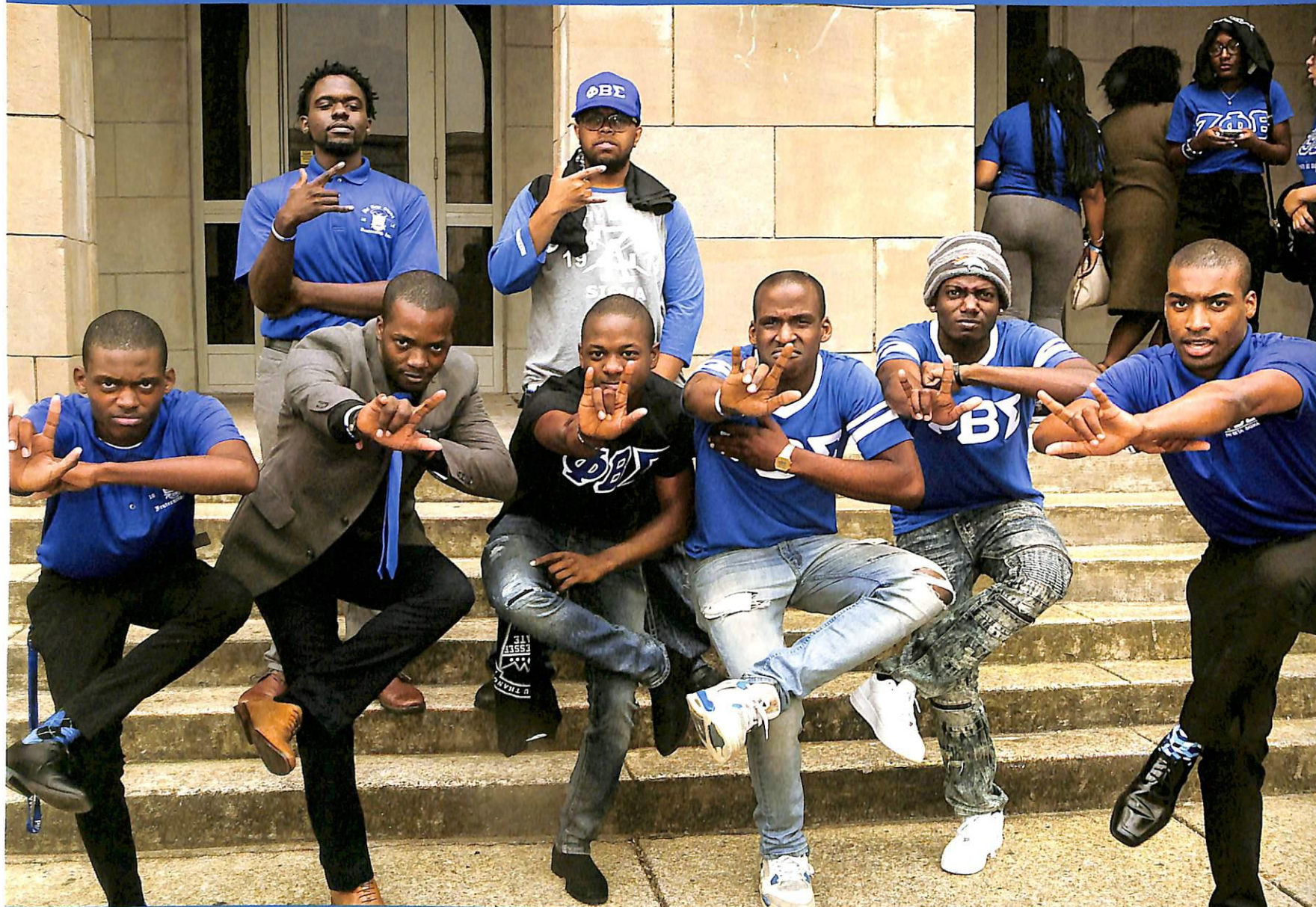
Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. is the first international fraternal organization founded on the campus of a historically black college - (Thirkield Hall) at Howard University located in Washington, D.C. The founders were three undergraduates – Edgar Amos Love, Oscar James Cooper and Frank Coleman. Joining them was their faculty adviser, Ernest Everett Just.

"Friendship is essential to the soul," the name Omega Psi Phi was derived. That phrase was selected as the motto.

Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance and Uplift were adopted as Cardinal Principles.



## Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated FOUNDED JANUARY 9, 1914



Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity was founded at Howard University in Washington, D.C., January 9, 1914, by three young African-American male students who wanted to organize a Greek letter fraternity that would truly exemplify the ideals of brotherhood, scholarship, and service. The Founders deeply wished to create an organization that viewed itself as "a part of" the general community rather than "apart from" the general community. From its inception, the Founders also conceived Phi Beta Sigma as a mechanism to deliver services to the general community. Rather than gaining skills to be utilized exclusively for themselves and their immediate families, they held a deep conviction that they should return their newly acquired skills to the communities from which they had come. This deep conviction was mirrored in the Fraternity's motto, "Culture For Service and Service For Humanity."

## Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated FOUNDED JANUARY 16, 1920



Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. was founded January 16, 1920, at Howard University, Washington, D.C. Five coeds envisioned a sorority which would directly affect positive change, chart a course of action for the 1920s and beyond, raise consciousness of their people, encourage the highest standards of scholastic achievement, and foster a greater sense of unity among its members. These women believed that sorority elitism and socializing overshadowed the real mission for progressive organizations and failed to address fully the societal mores, ills, prejudices, and poverty affecting humanity in general and the black community in particular.



## Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Incorporated

FOUNDED NOVEMBER 12, 1922



Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. was founded November 12, 1922 on the campus of Butler University. The mission of the sorority is to enhance the quality of life for women and their families in the U.S. and globally through community service, civil, and social action. The sorority's goal is to achieve greater progress in the areas of education, health awareness, and leadership development. The sorority's members, affiliates, staff, and community partners work to create and support initiatives that align with our vision.

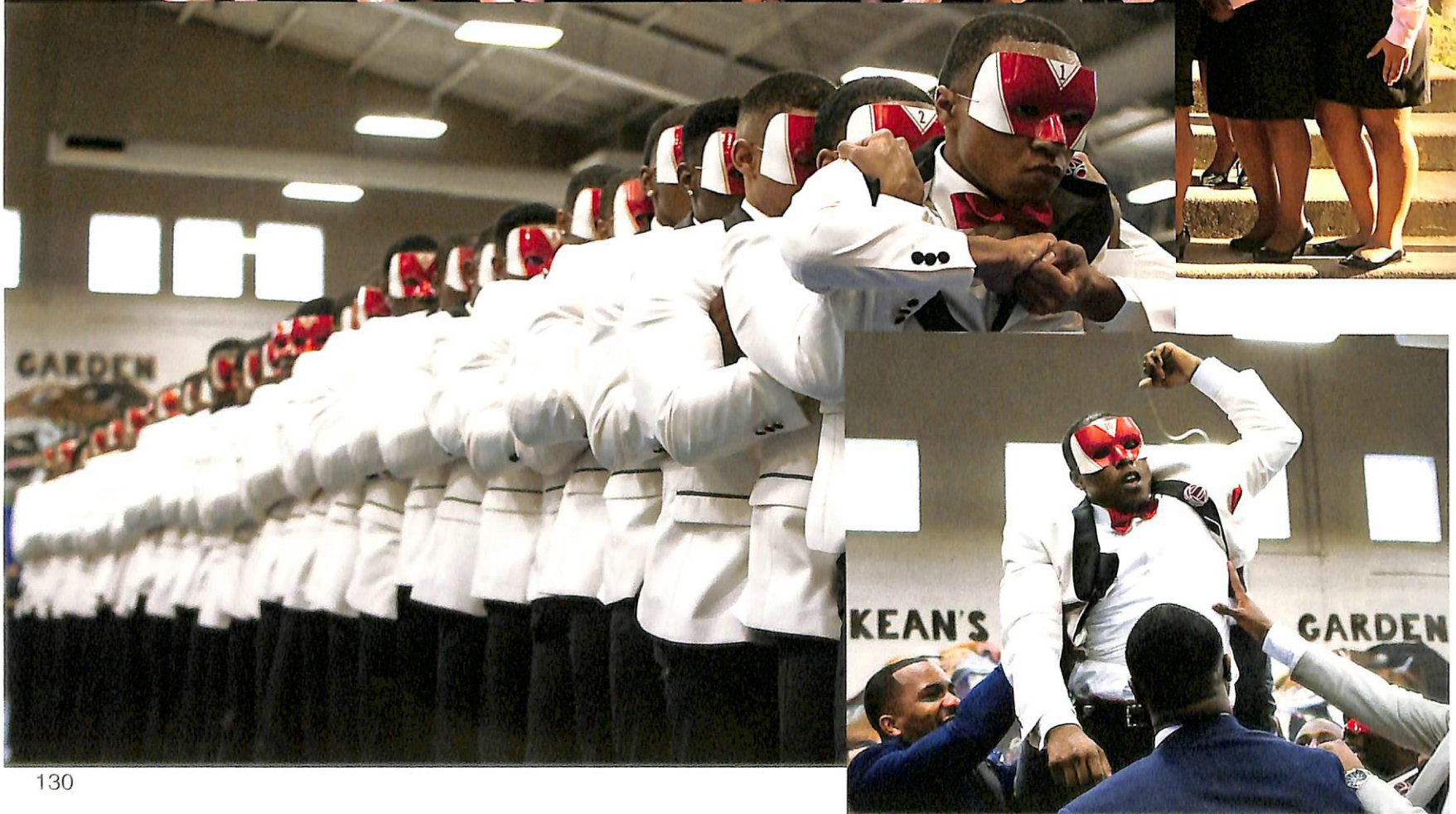
## Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Incorporated

FOUNDED SEPTEMBER 19, 1963



Iota Phi Theta Fraternity, Incorporated is a nationally incorporated, historically African-American, collegiate fraternity whose purpose is the development and perpetuation of Scholarship, Leadership, Citizenship, Fidelity and Brotherhood among Men. It was founded on September 19, 1963 at Morgan State University (then Morgan State College) in Baltimore, Maryland. At present, it consists of over 70,000 members. There are currently over 300 undergraduate and alumni chapters, as well as colonies located in 40 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, The Bahamas, Colombia, South Korea, and Japan.







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# *Student Organizations*

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TSU's student organizations offer exciting opportunities for involvement allowing students to make the most of their college experience.

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*Student organizations are fun, provide leadership opportunities and career development skills.*





African Students Association



Environmental Science Club (ESC)



Daughters of Virtue, Excellence, and Spirituality  
(D.O.V.E.S.)



Fellowship of Christian Athletes





Gamma Sigma Sigma National  
Service Sorority Inc. - Epsilon Psi Chapter



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Love You Like A Sister (LYLAS)



My Sister's Keeper



Nation of Islam Student Association (NOISA)



National Association of Colored Women's Clubs,  
Incorporated  
Women of Empowerment  
The Frankie J. Pierce Federated Chapter





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The F.I.R.S.T L.A.D.I.E.S Club Inc.



Women of Infinite Potential

## Amber Hughes voted OVC Female Athlete of the Year

Tennessee State University women's track and field All-American Amber Hughes has been named Ohio Valley Conference Female Athlete of the Year for 2016-17.

The OVC office made the announcement on Wednesday, May 24. It marks the 13th major OVC award for Hughes in her career.

Hughes is the second-ever TSU female student-athlete to win the award since its inception in 1981. Fellow track star Clairwin Dameus was TSU's first female award winner when she took home the honor last year.

Throughout the year, Hughes, a senior, has been a dominant force for the Tigerbelles. During the indoor season, the Atlanta native repeated as OVC Track Athlete of the Year and OVC Field Athlete of the Year – the only student-athlete in conference history to accomplish the feat. Hughes went on to win four gold medals at the OVC Indoor Championship, as well as an individual silver, and one with the 4x400m relay team en route to Female Athlete of the Championship honors.

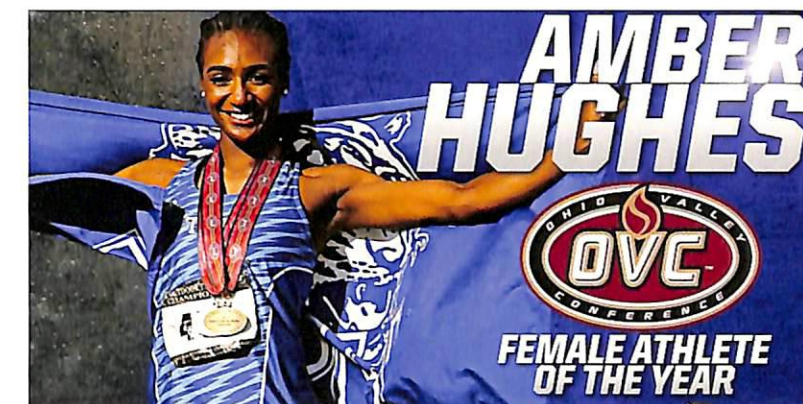
Continuing her indoor season, Hughes secured USTFCCA Second Team All-America honors for the triple jump after placing 11th at the 2017 NCAA Indoor Championships in College Station, Texas.

Hughes continued to reel in honors during the outdoor season, winning OVC Field Athlete of the Year. At the OVC Outdoor Championship, Hughes accounted for three individual gold medals, plus one in the 4x400m relay, as well as one individual bronze. She was again awarded Female Athlete of the Championship.

For her career, Hughes has won 26 OVC individual gold medals.

She has two more opportunities to don the TSU uniform in competition. She will compete in the NCAA East Preliminary Round set for May 25-27 in Lexington, Kentucky, and hopes to qualify for the NCAA National Championships scheduled for June 7-10 in Eugene, Oregon.

As a whole, TSU has now had four OVC Athlete of the Year honorees: Carlos Rogers (1994 – Men's Basketball), Charles Anthony (2005 – Football), Clairwin Dameus (2016- Women's Track and Field), and Amber Hughes (2017 – Women's Track and Field).



### AMBER HUGHES MAJOR OVC AWARDS

2017 OVC Female Athlete of the Year (All Sports)  
 2017 OVC Outdoor Championship MVP  
 2017 OVC Outdoor Field Athlete of the Year  
 2017 OVC Indoor Track Athlete of the Year  
 2017 OVC Indoor Field Athlete of the Year  
 2017 OVC Indoor Championship MVP  
 2016 OVC Outdoor Championship MVP  
 2016 OVC Outdoor Field Athlete of the Year  
 2016 OVC Indoor Track Athlete of the Year  
 2016 OVC Indoor Field Athlete of the Year  
 2015 OVC Outdoor Championship MVP  
 2014 OVC Indoor Freshman of the Year  
 2014 OVC Outdoor Freshman of the Year



# 39th Annual University-Wide Research Symposium

## TSU honors top researchers

Tennessee State University recognized its top student and faculty researchers during the Awards Luncheon culminating the weeklong 39th Annual University-Wide Research Symposium organized by the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs. Awards were given for the top three winners in undergraduate and graduate oral and postal presentations. Organizers received 155 student submissions in eight categories and 35 faculty submissions.

Mark N. Russ, executive assistant director of the National Security Directorate Naval Criminal Investigative Service, was the keynote speaker. He admonished the award winners to set high goals and stick with them if they want to be successful.

Kyra M. Bryant, a Ph.D. student in Computer Information Systems Engineering, won first place in Graduate Engineering II oral presentation for her research on "Improved Bottom Friction, Surface Rachness, and Wind Stress in a Coupled Wave and Storm Surge Model." She said her study is aimed at developing a more accurate module for forecasting hurricanes.



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Several students who received help through scholarship donations had a chance to say, "thank you" during the 6th Annual Scholarship Appreciation Program and Reception.

The event, organized by the TSU Foundation, allows scholarship recipients to meet face-to-face with donors to thank them for their generosity.

This year, nearly 280 people, including students, donors and special guests attended the program.

Donor Appreciation  
gives scholarship  
recipients chance to say

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You!**



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Students from TSU's College of Engineering were praised for their design of a special transport vehicle for the U.S. Air Force Special Operations Forces. The TSU student team designed, built and demonstrated an autonomous vehicle.

They were among students from nine other institutions who competed in the annual University Design Challenge at Arnold Air Force Base in Tullahoma, Tennessee.

The three-day competition, organized by the Air Force Research Laboratory, brings together different student teams from around the country to compete for top honors in a task assigned by the AFRL. Teams were given two semesters to develop, design and build a prototype of their project for the competition.



## 2016-2017 Yearbook Staff



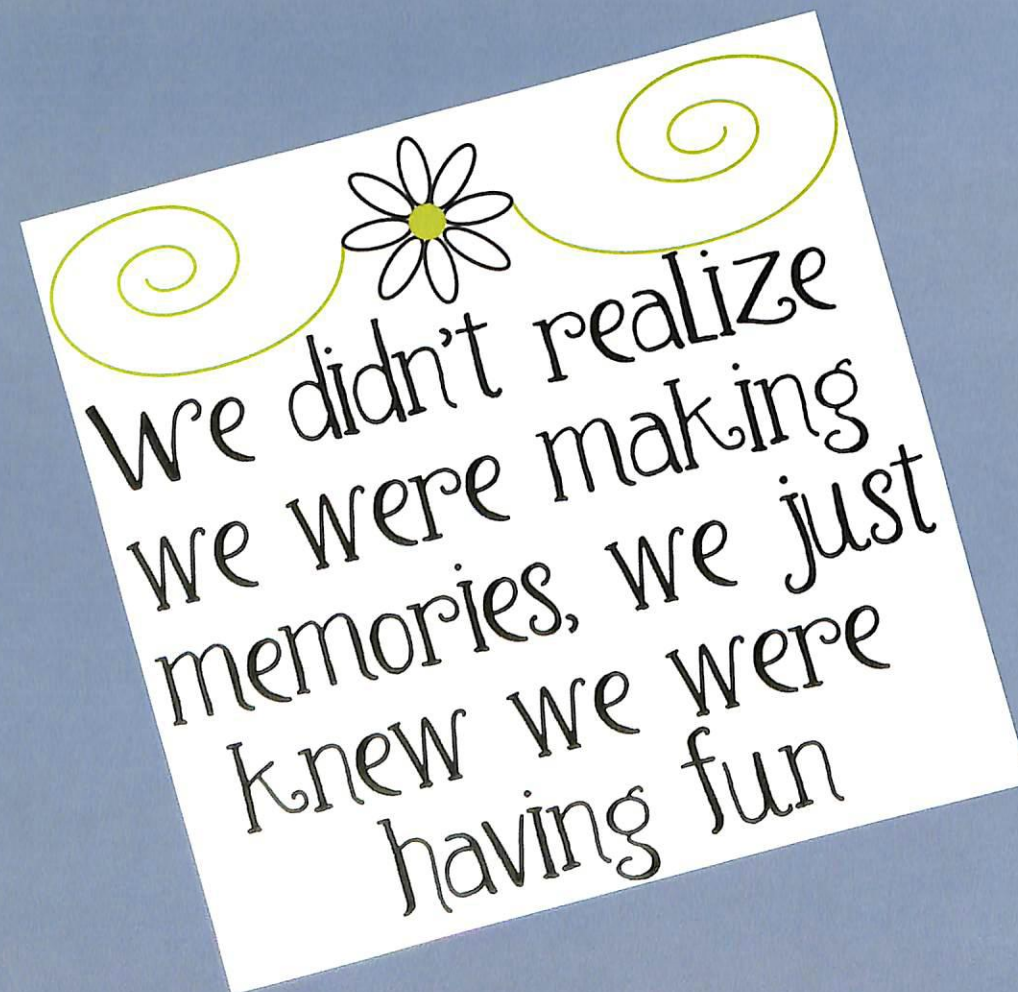
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